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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENTS ON U.S. ARMS EMBARGO

1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW IN MAY 12 CUMHURRIYET, FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT TURKEY WOULD TAKE NO ACTION AGAINST U.S. BASES UNTIL AFTER NATO SUMMIT. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT IF TURKEY DOES ACT AGAINST U.S., TURKS WILL NOT BE BOUND BY OBLIGATIONS OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS BECAUSE U.S. HAS UNILATERALLY VIOLATED THEM.

2. FONMIN SAID THAT WHILE U.S. EMBARGO NOT FINAL, IT WOULD BE OPTIMISTIC TO EXPECT IT TO BE LIFTED QUICKLY. WHEN
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ASKED WHAT TURKEY'S STAND WOULD BE IF PROBLEM DRAGS ON,

CAGLAYANGIL REPLIED THAT TURKEY IS STILL EXAMINING ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS. REFERRING TO MUTUAL COMMITMENTS UNDER NATO, HE SAID THAT U.S. DECISION TO SUSPEND MILITARY ASSISTANCE GAINED TURKEY THE RIGHT AND THE FREEDOM TO ACT UNILATERALLY. BEFORE THE U.S. VIOLATION THERE WERE A NUMBER OF FORMALITIES TO BE COMPLETED BY TURKEY IF GOT WANTED TO GIVE UP ITS COMMITMENTS FOR JOINT DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS OR HER NATO COMMITMENTS, BUT U.S. UNILATERAL VIOLATION HAS SAVED TURKEY FROM THESE OBLIGATIONS. (COMMENT: WE BELIEVE CAGLAYANGIL WAS REFERRING TO ARTICLE XXII OF DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WHICH PROVIDES FOR TERMINATION AFTER SIX MONTHS OF CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWED BY A TWO YEARS' NOTIFICATION PERIOD.)

3. CAGLAYANGIL SEEMINGLY HEDGED ON EXTENT OF POSSIBLE TURKISH ACTIONS AGAINST U.S. TO QUESTIONS OF WHETHER TURKEY WOULD REVIEW ENTIRE RELATIONS WITH U.S. SHOULD NATO SUMMIT FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSTRUCTIVE RESULTS, FONMIN ANSWERED THAT IT WOULD BE EMOTIONAL TO REVIEW ENTIRE RELATIONS WITH U.S. HE NOTED THAT U.S. ADMINISTRATION VIEWS NOT CONSONANT WITH U.S. CONGRESS' AND THAT WHEN A GOVERNMENT'S AND PARLIAMENT'S VIEWS NOT IN PARALLEL, COUNTER MEASURES HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY. MACOMBER

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